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(From left) Narendra Modi, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Xi Jinping

BRICS: India, Brazil push back against China

The two countries have raised serious objections in the preparatory talks for the Johannesburg summit next month, says a Bloomberg report. Dozens of nations, including Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, are in line to join the alliance, which China wants to grow as a counterweight to the US and the EU. Brazil wants to avoid expansion because of these worries, while India wants strict rules on how and when other nations could move closer to the group.

After five years, two activists get bail in Elgar case

SC bench grants relief to Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira who were arrested in 2018

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to civil rights activists Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira, who have been under arrest since 2018 in the Elgar Parishad-Bhima Koregaon violence case.

A bench of justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia said although the "allegations against them were serious", that cannot be the sole ground to justify their continued detention pending trial.

The court in the 54-page verdict authored by Justice Bose, said mere possession of literature, even if the content thereof inspires or propagates violence, by itself cannot constitute any of the offences under UAPA.

"In the case of the appellants, contents of the letters through which the appellants are sought to be implicated are in the nature of hearsay evidence, recovered from co-accused. Moreover, no covert or overt terrorist act has been attributed to the appellants in these letters, or any other material forming part of records of these two appeals. Reference to the activities of the accused are in the nature of ideological propaga-

Vernon Gonsalves (L) and Arun Ferreira

tion and allegations of recruitment. No evidence of any of the persons who are alleged to have been recruited or have joined this "struggle" inspired by the appellants has been brought before us. Thus, we are unable to accept NIA's contention that the appellants have committed the offence relating to support given to a terrorist organisation," the bench said.

The court directed their release subject to the imposition of conditions by the NIA trial court. Additionally they have been directed to surrender their passports with the NIA and inform the investigating officer about their addresses and mobile phone numbers. It allowed them to have one mobile phone each but asked them to keep them charged and their location status active 24x7 besides pairing them with the NIA's investigating officer.

4,000 CRECHES FOR KIDS OF MGNREGA WORKERS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE state government is all set to open 4,000 "Koosina Mane" creches for children of young mothers who work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) across the state this year. The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department will open the creches.

Para 15 of Schedule II of MGNREGA says priority will be given to women workers. At least one-third of the beneficiaries will be women who have registered and requested for work. Efforts to increase participation of single mothers and physically challenged women will be made.

More than 50% of the work-

force under MGNREGA schemes are women, with most of them young and single mothers who have to take care of their children aged upto six. Hence, the government has decided to open the creches.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge said till now, children of women working under MGNREGA schemes were provided with amenities such as drinking water and shelter at project sites. Henceforth, creches will be opened at such sites.

"We will ensure a better place for these children. One of the working women will take care of children, for which she will be paid," he said.

Healthy food will be given to children at the creches. "The creches will help children join school when they turn six," the minister said. In Karnataka, there are over 6,000 gram panchayats. In his budget, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced to start childcare centres at gram panchayats.

RS adjourned as Dhankhar, O'Brien spar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Rajya Sabha witnessed dramatic scenes on Friday as Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien were locked in a war of words over non-admission of notices given by Opposition members under Rule 267 to discuss the volatile Manipur situation.

Dhankhar was repeatedly interrupted by O'Brien who thumped the desk to make his point, which prompted the Chairman to adjourn the House abrutply. An upset Dhankhar termed the Trinamool MP's be-

Salam Ratan, 57, who received bullet injuries on his thigh and hand during the ethnic violence in Manipur | PTI

haviour 'theatrics' that will not be tolerated. "We can't suffer this," he said while adjourning the proceedings for the day.

A total of 47 Opposition MPs had given notices under Rule 267, which allows suspension of listed business to debate an issue of importance. None of the notices was accepted.

"Every day, including the last session and the session before that, we had a number of notices under Rule 267. If I go into the precedence, in this century, in the last 23 years, the House is aware how many notices have been admitted," he said.

After reading out the names of the 47 MPs who had given Rule 267 notices, Dhankhar said he has already agreed to a short-duration discussion (up to 2.5 hours) under Rule 176 and asked members to rise above partisan interests and discuss the matter under that rule.

EXPRESS READ

Siddu gets HC notice over election as MLA

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Friday issued notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over a petition challenging his election as MLA from Varuna constituency alleging corrupt practices during election campaign | P4

Ganesan Kannabiran is new NAAC director

Bengaluru: Prof Ganesan Kannabiran has been appointed director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council. He took charge on July 28, NAAC said. Kannabiran served in education sector for over 30 years | P2

Bill to allow pvt sector to mine lithium passed

New Delhi: In a move that will open up India's strategic lithium reserves to the private sector, the Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023 | P10

Protocol breach: Plaint filed against AirAsia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

RAJ Bhavan filed a complaint with KIA police on Thursday against AirAsia India staff after they did not allow Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to board a flight to Hyderabad.

According to sources, AirAsia has launched an internal investigation into protocol violation. *TNIE* was the only newspaper to report this unprecedented protocol violation.

In the complaint, governor's protocol officer M Venugopal sought appropriate legal action against AirAsia India, its ground handling staffer Areefulla and airline's Bengaluru manager Zico Swaris for obstructing Gehlot from carrying out his duty as well as violation of protocol.

The governor was to leave for Ranchi from Hyderabad to take part in the 12th convocation of Ranchi Agricultural University.

The complaint referred to the ill-treatment meted out to the governor at the airport and stated that he left Raj Bhavan at 1.10 pm and reached the airport at 1.35 pm for the 2.05 pm flight to Hyderabad. "He reached the VIP lounge of Terminal 1. Guest relations assistant Samskruti was contacted to alert her about his arrival and facilitate his movement to Terminal 2," it said.

The ADC (aides de camp) to the governor and Gehlot reached the step ladder of the aircraft at 2.06 pm.

AirAsia stops Guv from boarding flight

The aircraft door was still open but Areefulla did not allow him to board the flight.

His luggage was brought down from the aircraft and the flight stood there for 10 minutes. P2

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Time: 10:30 A. M. Onwards

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2023

Venue: MSRIT Quadrangle, MSRIT Campus, Bengaluru

Chief Guest

His Excellency Justice Shri. S. Abdul Nazeer
Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh

Presided by

Hon'ble Justice Shri. A. S. Bopanna
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Guests of Honour

Hon'ble Justice Smt. B. V. Nagarathna
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice Shri. Aravind Kumar
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Justice Shri. Prasanna B. Varale
Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka & Patron-in-chief, KSLSA

Hon'ble Justice Shri. G. Narendar
Judge, High Court of Karnataka & Executive Chairman, KSLSA

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